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Re: Irradiated food label issue

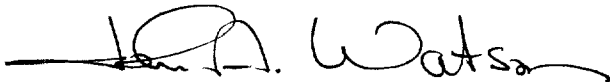
To whom it may concern:

Consumers have the right to know how food items have been processed before deciding to make a purchase. This is no different than the requirement to list ingredients where appropriate.

Therefore a conspicuous and prominent label for all irradiated foods, as well as products made with irradiated ingredients needs to be the standard. This standard would also apply to products sold in bulk form. In addition the radura symbol needs to be included on all irradiated food products. This labeling requirement would be permanent.

The Codex labeling requires (the international labeling standards) all irradiated foods to be labeled as irradiated. This would be a good model for the FDA to follow.

Thank you for your time in this matter,



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